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Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 8-C302  
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Dear Rob,

I've been following an important issue and wanted to ask for your help.

As you know, the FCC will soon decide whether or not to approve the proposed merger between XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio. Because these two companies are the only two that offer satellite radio service, this merger would create a true monopoly.

The merged company would wield an incredible amount of power over consumers who want this service. The companies claim that the merger would only enhance service for their customers, but the reality is that their technology does not allow them to expand their service beyond their existing capacities and by adding additional channels, the quality of the transmission would become poor.

The real problem is that these companies have mismanaged their resources and spent an incredible amount of money to secure talent - Howard Stern's \$500 million contract springs to mind. These companies now find themselves searching for a way to raise more revenue and are looking to the FCC to rubber stamp their bailout plan. If the merger is approved, consumers will pay through higher fees or being subjected to commercials on a service that was sold to them with the promise that it would be "commercial-free."

This merger needs to be rejected and the people of your home state look to you to lead the charge against it.

Sincerely

*John*  
I commend you for your work in the FCC on  
area beyond my knowledge. I was, however, interested  
in any company that would pay a very large sum  
for a foul mouth. If this is an example of management,  
I suggest you reject the request.